

CPAC Bulletin

September 2007

Events & Meetings


- ☛ **AltWheels Festival** – September 28-29, Boston City Hall Plaza. The fifth annual **AltWheels Festival** includes demonstrations, test rides, workshops, children's events, etc around alternative fuel vehicles and transportation.
- ☛ **Cambridge Bikes & Playgrounds Bike Tour** – On Sunday, September 30, the **Cambridge Bicycle Committee** is sponsoring a leisurely ride by the city's parks and playgrounds. There will be 3 stops along the 14.5 mile route for short talks. The Cambridge Police Bike Patrol will escort the ride. The ride begins at Cambridge Common on the Mass. Ave. side; please arrive by 10:15 am. The ride is expected to take 2.5 hours. It's free. Rate date is October 7.
- ☛ **NH Climate Conference** – October 12-13, Manchester, NH. **Clean Air – Cool Planet** will present its Climate Solutions Conference. The event will feature candidates for the 2008 presidential election.
- ☛ **LEED for General Contractors/Construction Managers** – The **US Green Building Council** will present a half-day workshop on LEED for general contractors and construction managers in Boston on October 25. To register, go to the website.
- ☛ **State EPP Fair** – October 30, DCU Center, Worcester. This is the annual **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Fair** sponsored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that features exhibitors, workshops, and other events. And it's free. Register online.
- ☛ **GreenBuild Conference** – November 7-9, Chicago. **GreenBuild** is the annual conference and trade show of the U.S. Green Building Council. This conference is coming to Boston in November 2008.
- ☛ **Regional Sustainable Development Forum** – **New Ecology** is presenting the 7th annual forum on Friday, January 25 at the MIT Sloan School of Management.
- ☛ **Green Streets** – This initiative encourages people throughout Cambridge (and Somerville and surrounding cities and towns) to use a green form of transportation (transit, bicycle, walk, skate) on a designated day of the month and to wear a green-colored item of attire. The goal is to make Cambridge and neighboring cities safer, quieter and friendlier for pedestrians and cyclists, and to minimize the use and impact of cars. Generally, the designated day is the last Friday of the month; September 28 is the next walk/ride day. Check the **Cambridge Green Streets Initiative website** for more info and incentives.

News

- ☛ **Cambridge Energy Alliance Seeks CEO** – The [Cambridge Energy Alliance](#) is seeking a President/CEO. The job description and application procedures are posted on the Alliance website. Resumes should be directed to the Alliance's search committee at CEAssearch@cambridgeenergyalliance.org.
- ☛ **City Receives MTC Green School Grant** – The [Massachusetts Technology Collaborative](#) has pledged \$100,000 to the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School renovation project to help investigate and implement green measures. The funding will come through the MTC's Green Schools Initiative.
- ☛ **Compost That Stuff Featured in BioCycle Magazine** – The Cambridge business organics collection and composting program, called [Compost that Stuff](#), is the cover story in the August issue of [BioCycle](#) magazine, a major journal of the recycling community. The article is titled *Partnerships Move Commercial Organics Collection Forward*. Congratulations to the City's Recycling Division and Save that Stuff, the provider of the service. Contact Randi Mail, Recycling Director, rmail@cambridgema.gov, for more information.
- ☛ **Massachusetts GHG Rules Proposed** – The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the Division of Energy Resources have proposed regulations to implement the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) in Massachusetts. Public hearings are being held, one being in Boston on September 12, 9:30 am at the DEP offices at One Winter St. See the [DEP](#) and [DOER](#) websites for a copy of the proposed regulations and more details. Written comments will be accepted until September 24.

Resources & Ideas

- ☛ **Cambridge Energy Alliance** – Residents, businesses, and organizations can indicate their interest in the services of the [Cambridge Energy Alliance](#) by going to the website and registering. No obligation is implied. Those who register will receive periodic updates and notice as to when services become available.
- ☛ **Green Building Course at Harvard Extension** – *Sustainable Buildings: Design, Construction, and Operations* (ENVR E-119) is being offered at [Harvard Extension School](#) this fall. The course will be taught by Jack Spengler, of the Harvard School of Public Health, Leith Sharp, Green Campus Initiative Director, and others. Registration ends September 23.
- ☛ **Inconvenient Truth Slideshow Presenters** – A number of Cantabrigians have participated in Al Gore's training and are available to present slideshows using Gore's material. To arrange a show, contact one of the following Climate Protection Volunteers. We will list others as we obtain contact information: Peter Pruyn, pwp@airmail.net, 617-354-8425; Ileana Jones, 617-497-1246; Sarah Griffith, 617-233-5490, SarahGriffith@alum.mit.edu.

 **Cambridge Businesses Composting** – At least 30 businesses and organizations have signed up for the [Department of Public Works](#) commercial organics collection service. Restaurants, hotels, florists and others are diverting 10 to 15 tons of food and other organic waste to composting daily, and saving money and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the process. Interested businesses and organizations can contact Save that Stuff, the City's contractor, for more information at 617-241-9998 or adam@savethatstuff.com.

CAMBRIDGE CLIMATE PROTECTION PROGRAM INFO: See <http://www.cambridgema.gov/climate>. Recent issues of the CPAC Bulletin are posted on the website. For further information, contact John Bolduc, jbolduc@cambridgema.gov or 617-349-4628